

Handbook for Family and Friends

Contraband – items / articles not approved by the prison facility and approved items that have been altered or are over the required limit.

Control Status – level of an inmate's supervision and control. It is where inmates are separated from the regular inmate population.

Convicted – a term used when a person has been found guilty of a crime by a court.

Custody – the level in which an inmate is housed based on crime committed, length of sentence, criminal history, and behavior to maintain public safety and institutional safety.

Death Row – the housing assignment of inmates admitted to prison on a death order commitment. These inmates are housed only at Central Prison and at the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women.

Defendant – a person who is accused of committing a crime.

Designee - a staff person who has been appointed to act with authority in the absence of the director, region director, and/or prison facility superintendent.

Detainer - a legal document in an inmate's record stating that he or she is wanted in another county, state, or federal system and should be transported to another correctional system rather than being released.

Developmental Disabilities – mental and/or physical limitations that require special programs.

DHO - Disciplinary Hearing Officer - An employee of the Depart-